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SUBJ: FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY -- PERKINS AND WILL CONSULTANTS

REF USDOC 14478,

1. PAUL PIERSON, PERKINS AND WILL CAIRO REP, BRIEFED AMB AUG 31 ON RECENT PERKINS AND WILL PRESENTATION TO MRS SADAT OF PLANS AND SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM FOR FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY HOSPITAL. ACCORDING TO PIERSON, PERKINS AND WILL DESIGN CALLS FOR 900 BED FACILITY WITH ADVANCED EMERGENCY AND SURGICAL CARE UNITS. PERKINS AND WILL ESTIMATES HOSPITAL'S TOTAL COST WILL BE ABOUT THE EQUIVALENT OF \$81 MILLION (\$72 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FIXED EQUIPMENT AND \$9 MILLION FOR OTHER TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT). PERKINS AND WILL IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH EGYPTIAN POUNDS AND DOLLAR INPUT. PERKINS AND WILL ESTIMATED THAT CONSTRUCTION COULD BEGIN ON 1 JAN 77 PROVIDING OF COURSE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, AND WOULD LAST APPROX 3 YEARS. AS FAR AS PERKINS AND WILL AWARE ARAB CONTRACTORS (MIN OSMAN'S PRIVATE COMPANY) ARE PRESELECTED CONTRACTORS FOR HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION.

2. IN DISCUSSION FOLLOWING PIERSON'S BRIEFING, AMB ASKED IF ANYONE HAD TALKED ABOUT FINANCING FOR HOSPITAL PROJECT, NOTING MRS SADAT'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH HIM IN THIS REGARD. PIERSON SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE IS AWARE NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING HAVE BEEN MADE. PIERSON ALSO SAID HE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN PROCESS OF DIVIDING HOSPITAL UP INTO IDENTIFIABLE UNITS

FOR FUND RAISING PURPOSES. IN THIS RESPECT, PIERSON EXPLAINED THAT HOSPITAL AS PROPOSED BY PERKINS AND WILL WOULD COST APPROX \$25 MILLION PER YEAR TO OPERATE. SPEAKING REALISTICALLY, PIERSON SAID ONLY CHANCE WHICH SOCIETY HAS OF MAINTAINING HOSPITAL WOULD BE LONG-TERM GOVT COMMITMENT TO ITS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

3. AMB INQUIRED IF MRS SADAT OR ANY OTHER FAITH AND HOPE OFFICIAL HAD ASKED HIM TO HELP THEM PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT FOR SOCIETY. PIERSON SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO SUCH REQUEST AND AMB ASKED HIM TO SEE IF THERE WERE NOT SOMETHING HE COULD DO TO HELP THEM PREPARE USEFUL ANNUAL REPORT. PIERSON AGREED TO DO SO.
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